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CITY OF WAYNE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Monday, April 3rd, 2006

COUNTY/LOCAL PETITION

The Veterans Peace Memorial (but not including the fountain) shall be moved to a park inside the City of Wayne where it shall remain permanently, and shall be readily accessible to visitors, citizens, and family and friends of those who served honorably, including those fallen military, police, fire and public safety personnel who died in service to our city, state and country.

Explanation

We need more room to accommodate the Memorial Day Parade participants, and to protect the Wayne High and John Glenn Bands from heat exhaustion. At the present site there no grass and no trees for shade.

Submitted by, Jim Netter

United for Veterans Committee

Wednesday, April 12th, 2006

Honorable Veterans

We are in the process of conducting an important petition drive to relocate the "Wayne Peace Memorial " located at 3737 South Wayne Rd. not the fountain.

We must collect twelve hundred valid signatures of the City of Wayne's register voters.

These signatures have to be certified with the Wayne City Clerk on or before
May 15 th.2006 --to place on Tuesday General Election, November 7 th.'s Ballot!

So we need your help to protect this memorial that represents who fought and died in War 11, Korea, Vietnam, and other wars. The Mayor and WayneCityCouncil members sold the land (1.3 acres) for \$112,000.00) to Condo's Developer a no bid sale!
The new Memorial will be in a park and openly displaying their names.

Recently the Michigan Senate supported our efforts by passing a new Bill to protect all MilitaryMemorials from encroachments to keep this from happening ever again.

All donations to support this drive, can be made payable to the:

"United for Veterans Committee"
P.O. Box #153
Wayne, Mi. 58184

Please join us next Monday, April 17th.2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.-- 8:30 p.m.

Place: V.F.W. Harris-Kehrer (Rear meeting room)
Post No. 3323
1055 South Wayne Rd.
Westland, Michigan
734-326-3323

We thank you for your support and if you have any questions

please feel free to contact: **Jim Netter -734-729-8812**

(Please take notice The Wayne-Westland Parade -
Sunday May 28th. @ 11: 00 A.M. start at 1055 S. Wayne Rd. and march south on
Wayne Rd. to Veterans Peace Memorial) 3737 South Wayne Rd. next to library)

6. General Items for Consideration continued

- a. Approve the recommendation to declare 32223 Woodbrook Drive a Hazard/Nuisance, on an emergency basis, and assess the charges to the owner of record
 - b. Recommendation to approve a resolution to Wayne County requesting the closure of Wayne Road, from Glenwood Road to the Veterans Peace Memorial on Sunday, May 26, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
 - c. Approve the price list from SLC Meter Service for water meters and repair parts
 - d. Call a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. to consider a grant application
 - e. Approve Change Order No. 4 with Able Demolition, in the amount of \$28,500.00, to demolish the building located at 35214, 35218, 35220 and 35226 Michigan Avenue West
- ADDED**
- f. Discuss changing the date of the March 21, 2006 City Council Meeting to March 20, 2006

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ON MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

7. Consent Calendar

- a. Retirement Board Minutes of February 20
- b. 2020 Committee Minutes of February 22
- c. Building Department Monthly Report for February
- d. Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of February 1
- e. Recreation Foundation Minutes of February 1

Vets battle to move memorial

Group threatens lawsuit to relocate monument to Goudy Park in Wayne.

By Eric Lacy
The Detroit News

WAYNE — If the Wayne Veterans Peace Memorial on Wayne Road isn't moved to Goudy Park soon, several war veterans could take legal action against the city.

Members of American Legion Post 251 want the memorial moved at the city's expense because it's sandwiched between a library and condominium complex.

The library obstructs the view of the memorial from the north while Fountain Place Condominiums blocks it south.

The veterans are also upset because the land around the memorial has shrunk from 800,000 square feet to 8,000.

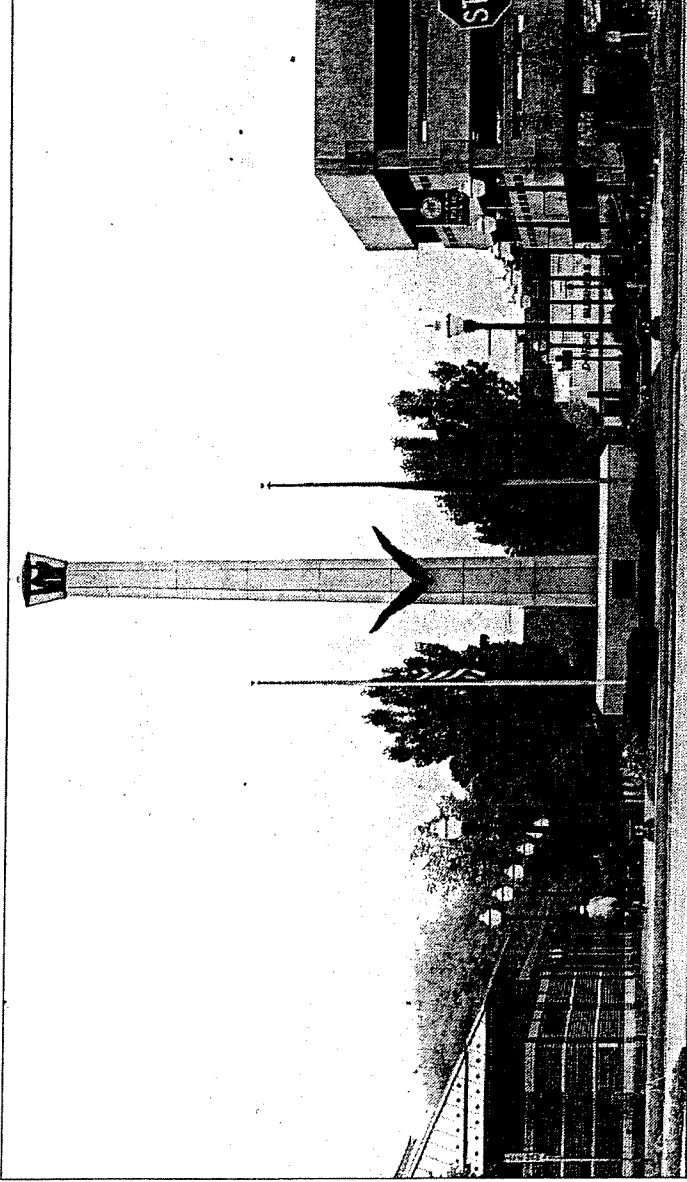
Less land means less room to conduct military ceremonies such as the one that took place last Memorial Day, said William Acton, the post's commander.

"I'm not too sure that I'm getting everything from the city of Wayne about this issue," Acton said. "We haven't given up yet."

Several veterans attended a Oct. 19 city council meeting to lobby for a move of the memorial to Goudy Park.

Officials agreed to respond to their request. City Manager John Zech did so last week in a letter to Acton.

The letter made it clear that officials have no written documentation that says the land south of the memorial belongs to veterans.



Velvet S. McNeil / The Detroit News

Veterans are upset because the land around the memorial in downtown Wayne has shrunk from 800,000 square feet to 8,000.

Therefore, the city was allowed years ago to sell the property to a condominium developer.

In response to his letter, Zech said the city currently has no plans to move the memorial.

"It's not in our budget at this time to move the memorial," Zech said. "If there is any change, that would be for the City Council to decide."

"If they say that they are moving it then I'm an administrator and it's my job to support that."

Zech's response doesn't give the veteran's hope that a move will take

place anytime soon.

Veterans will meet Dec. 2 to decide if legal action is necessary.

"We have to find out whether or not it's worth paying thousands of dollars to follow up on this," Acton said.

Another option the veterans have is to petition for a referendum so residents could vote on whether the memorial should be moved.

The Peace Memorial was erected in 1975 to honor the city's war veterans who died in the line of duty. Wayne lost 15 of its residents in the Vietnam War.

Veterans hope the memorial can be

moved before the 2006 Wayne Memorial Day Parade.

The 2005 parade was considered a disaster by local veterans who claimed it was against military protocol.

City officials had their backs turned to the U.S. flag at the memorial, Acton said.

And because of the lack of space around the memorial, high school bands were forced to play across the street from the structure.


You can reach Eric Lacy at (734) 462-2674 or elacy@detnews.com.

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TO: Mayor Warfield and City Council

FR: Al Haidous, Councilman 

RE: The Veterans Memorial Property

I still feel that we need to pass some type of a resolution that would let the various people that have spoken about this issue know that the City Council will not do anything negative to the land around the Veterans Memorial. In that regard, I would like to offer the following resolution:

The City Council will do everything it can through the land sale process and the site plan review process to see to it that when the property to the south of the Veterans Memorial is developed, it will be done in such a way that the southerly view of the Veterans Memorial will be preserved as much as possible. 

I would appreciate it if you would consider my recommendation, and I welcome any suggestions.

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IN MEMORY OF THOSE THAT GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING THE
VIET NAM WAR

CPL EDWARD J. BOVA

SFC GERALD W. DUTKA

1 LT GLENN J. FORD, III

CPL ALFREDO GUZZO

L/CPL PETER B. LEHMANN

SP/4 FRANK LEPTONE

PFC BRUNO L. MARTIN

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CPL DONALD E. NELSON

L/CPL LEN E. NIXON

PFC STEVE ORRIS, III

SSGT GERARD P. PORTA

PFC RONALD W. SANDERS

SP/4 TERRY L. SANDERS

SP/4 DONALD VINCENT

PRESENTED BY
THE CITY OF WAYNE COUNCIL
MAY 30, 1983

